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## USDA SURVEYING CATTLE OPERATIONS

**Baton Rouge, LA** – In July, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey 9,300 cattle operations nationwide to provide an up-to-date measure of U.S. cattle inventories.

"In July 2014, NASS reported that the all cattle and calves inventory in the United States was at 96 million head, which was the lowest since the series began in 1973," said Becky Cross, NASS Delta Regional Director. Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as a strategic decision-making tool for producers and the entire agriculture industry."

During the first two weeks of July, Louisiana producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feed operations. To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

"This information helps producers make timely, informed marketing decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps packers and government evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export," Cross explained.

As is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by federal law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

The July *Cattle* report will be released on July 24, 2015. This and all NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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